



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Prolific Burglar Arrested**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – November 19, 2012**

Jeffrey Allen Wojciechowski, age 50, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for commercial burglary stemming from a break-in at Eco Friendly Cleaners eight days earlier.

On November 8, 2012, at 7:56 a.m., Santa Barbara Police Department Officer Mark Corbett responded to Eco Friendly Cleaners at 127 W. Canon Perdido Street on a call of a burglary investigation. His investigation revealed that sometime during the previous night the rear door of the business had been forcefully opened and two cash registers inside had been attacked. The suspect was successful in opening one of the cash registers and stole approximately \$85.00 in cash. Among the evidence recovered by Officer Corbett during his investigation were surveillance videos of the crime from two businesses.

SBPD Property Crimes Detective John Ingram was assigned to conduct the follow-up investigation in the case. On November 15, 2012, Detective Ingram viewed the surveillance videos and recognized the suspect as Wojciechowski, whom he knew to be a prolific commercial burglar. Detective Ingram asked Officer Rick Cipres, who had arrested Wojciechowski for violation of probation on October 25, 2012, to also review video from the case. Wojciechowski is on probation for burglary. Officer Cipres also recognized the suspect as Wojciechowski, the person he had recently arrested.

On November 16, 2012, at 12:15 p.m., Officer Cipres and his partner Officer Bryan Kerr, who work on the Tactical Patrol Force, the department's street crimes unit, saw Wojciechowski on 600 State Street, stopped him, and arrested him for the burglary.

Wojciechowski was booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for burglary, a felony, with a bail amount of \$20,000.00, and a no-bail detainer for violation of probation.



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